

## **Ohio Association of Public Treasurers** Educating Ohio Fiscal Officers Since 1974

Dear Fellow Members:

If you were taken off guard and are confused over the recent communications you or others in your organization may have recently received regarding your workers' compensation third party administrative services, we understand. We were also caught off guard. Neither this association nor the association's group manager, CompManagement, were notified of any change by anyone at the Ohio Municipal League, and only learned of their change after the fact.

This association, OAPT, continues to partner with CompManagement to manage our association workers' compensation groups and to provide third party administrative services to our members. CompManagement continues to serve our members by providing exceptional service and group savings programs.

You are free to choose your workers compensation third party administrator, and should you have any questions about your options, we encourage you to ask. Attached you will find supplemental information. If you wish to remain with CompManagement, you will need to complete an updated BWC AC-2 authorization form. This form will allow CompManagement to continue to access your claims and work with the claims in the most efficient and cost-saving manner, the manner we have all grown accustomed to from CompManagement. Should you do nothing, you will be transitioned to CareWorksComp as your workers' compensation third party administrator.

If you have further questions, you can contact our OAPT Workers Compensation Coordinator, Patricia Fisher at 440-813-1534, or our OAPT CompManagement representative, Scott Weisend at (800) 825-6755, extension 65764 or via email at <u>Scott.Weisend@sedgwick.com</u>.

While our board respects your right to choose your vendor, we do believe the service we receive from CompManagement is excellent. The OAPT Board sincerely hopes you value this service, and continue your current relationship.

Yours Truly, Ohio Association of Public Treasurers Board of Directors

## **Supplemental Information**

- We have been notified by CompManagement, our workers' compensation third party administrator, that the Ohio Municipal League (OML) has engaged CareWorksComp as their new TPA and is attempting to replace CompManagement for the OML's group rating and retrospective group rating programs, effective *immediately*. No direct notification from the OML was given to the OAPT or CompManagement and CompManagement is still under contract to provide services through September 30, 2018.
- CompManagement has sought clarification from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation legal department regarding the request by the Ohio Municipal League to update CareWorksComp as the Group Risk/Claim (GRC) representative for the Ohio Municipal League groups. BWC confirmed that Employers that wish to retain CompManagment as an authorized representative can do so through submission of an updated AC-2. BWC allows employers who participate in Group-Experience or Group-Retrospective rating to maintain both a Group Risk/Claim (GRC) and Employer Risk/Claim (ERC) representative.
- Further, BWC has confirmed that OML's request for the change will not impact January
  1, 2018, Group-Experience or Group-Retrospective rating enrollment. No employers will
  be removed from either program if they elect to retain CompManagement as an ERC
  representative. Additionally, BWC has indicated that any employers with questions or
  who desire to verify the above information may contact the BWC's Employer Programs
  department at (614) 441-0745 Monday through Friday from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm.
- As you may recall, our organization made the decision to leave CareWorksComp in 2013 and moved to CompManagement. CompManagement continues to serve our members in an exceptional fiscal and prudent manner. Since moving our program to CompManagement we have heard from many members that they have experienced a very positive interaction with CompManagement colleagues along with proactive customer service and claims management as well as a significant increase in premium savings.
- Therefore, based on our experience with CompManagement and the information from the BWC noted above, we are encouraging all members to remain with CompManagement and complete the Ohio BWC's Form AC-2 that CompManagement sent to each member on April 25, 2018 and return to CompManagement's attention as soon as possible.

If you should have any questions about this change being made by the Ohio Municipal League, please feel free to contact our OAPT Workers Compensation Coordinator, Patricia Fisher at 440-813-1534 or you may also contact Scott Weisend at CompManagement at (800) 825-6755, extension 65764 or via email at <u>Scott.Weisend@sedgwick.com</u>.

Thank you again for being a valued member of the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers. We as well as our partner, CompManagement, look forward to continuing to serve you.